

St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

210 Haddow Close, Edmonton, AB T6R 2P3

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Epiphany January 7th

Pastor: Fr. Mark McGee

Supply Priest: Fr. Jozef Wroblewski

Permanent Deacons: Randy Abele, Tom Sudsbear, Gordon Taylor

Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM | Fri. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Sat. 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM | Sun. 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

MATTHEW 2:11

On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM
10:00 AM
12:00 PM
5:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES (JAN. 8TH-12TH)

Monday **7:00 PM** Baptism of our Lord
Tuesday 5:00 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM
Thursday 5:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM
Saturday 1st Saturday follows First Friday, next is Feb. 3rd

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

45 minutes before Mass Tuesday - Friday; Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
(Confessions end 10 minutes before Mass)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM *except holidays*
First Fridays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, next is Feb. 2nd

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE OR SEE THE WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT:

Baptism

- Baptism for infants and children under 7 are celebrated at liturgies throughout the year, once or twice on Sunday afternoons (except during Advent and Lent)
- Parents & godparents are required to take preparation classes (unless previously completed in the last 4 years)
- Please visit our website stm.caedm.ca/baptism/ for details on requirements, registration forms and schedules of Baptism and Preparation classes.
- For non-Catholic children (age 7-15) who wish to become Catholic, please email Baptism.STM@caedm.ca for details.

First Reconciliation and First Communion

- Most Catholic children receive their First Holy communion when they are 7 or 8 years old as this is considered the age of reason.
- Two cycles of sacramental preparation are offered each school year. For more information, visit stm.caedm.ca/first-reconciliation-first-eucharist/

RCIA and RCIC (Adapted for Children 7-15 yrs.)

- For those who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith or who wish to become Catholic.

Confirmation

- In the Archdiocese of Edmonton, most young people receive the sacrament when they are 11-12 years old.
- The program at St. Thomas More Parish begins in the Fall with the sacrament being celebrated in the Spring
- For more information, visit stm.caedm.ca/confirmation-prep

Marriages

- Step one: contact the parish office to schedule an appointment
- An approved Catholic pre-marriage course is required (stm.marriagepreparation@gmail.com)
- A minimum of 6 months of notice is required
- Married civilly or Common Law: Complete the Sacrament of Marriage through convalidation
- Regular pastoral visits can be arranged for the homebound

Admin Assistant for the daytime: Elizabeth Connelly
Pastoral Assistant: Julie Lee
Pastoral Assistant: Tracy Lam
Liturgy & Music Coordinator: Johanna Dietrich
Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator: Shavi Perera

Business Coordinator: Paul Givens
Maintenance/Custodial: Mark Whaley
Admin for evenings and weekends: Emilie Spak, Lorraine Kasha, and Bernardine Zuzarte
Bookkeeper: Salwa Saydeh

Reflection by Deacon Tom Come Let us Adore Him! (Matthew 2:1-12)

The Christmas season reaches its peak on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, traditionally known in many parts of the world as Little Christmas, a celebration of the revealing of God to all nations.

Led by a star, the wise men represent all who search for truth in the wonders of creation and wisdom and because they searched with eyes of faith, they were able to recognize the gift of God when they found Jesus. This is no ordinary light, but the wonder of God's glory, a beacon for all nations, leading the way through darkness in goodness and peace. It is like the light of faith we are given at our Baptism, with which we are to walk always as children of the light, keeping the flame of faith alive in our hearts. This light is not reflected in the way we dress or look, but in our inner attitude of humble service, in compassionate service of others, as the light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable are cared for and acknowledged. The wise men came in faith to worship the child, and returned home knowing that in Jesus the light of God is given to all people of good will. Let us honour "the child who has been born king of the Jews" by sharing his vision of a world of equality and justice, compassion, love, and peace; knowing that all people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Jesus.

Registration for the
Winter/Spring
Cycle of First
Reconciliation &



First Eucharist at STM parish is now open. Please visit the parish website for dates and registration information. The family orientation is on **Wednesday, Jan 24, 2024** from 6 - 7 PM in the parish hall.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, you asked your apostles to "go out to the entire world and tell the Good News." Today we are the bearers of that same message of faith. Strengthen us to spread the Gospel and call forth among us priests, brothers, sisters, and consecrated laity to teach the Good News in word and deed. Amen.

All bulletin items
and announcements should be directed to

elizabeth.connelly@caedm.ca

Deadline: **Wednesday @ 2:00**

MINISTRY FAIR

A celebration of our vibrant
parish!
Come learn about existing and
exciting new ministries! There is
something for everyone.

**Treats and fellowship
after all masses
January 20 and 21
in the parish hall**

Mark Your Calendars

January 7th January 7th is the new parishioner welcome starting at 1:30 in the parish hall.

January 8th January 8th is a special Mass for the Baptism of our Lord at 7:00PM in the Church nave.

January 11th Game Zone begins January 11th (12-4PM)

January 14th Verso L'alto (To the heights!) begins January 14th (6-8PM)

January 30th The Source begins January 30th - Last Tuesday of every month (6-8PM)

February 2nd On February 2nd the Archdiocese of Edmonton is hosting a Vocations Rally at St. Joseph's Basilica

Weekday Mass Weekday Mass regular times resume Jan. 9th

Confessions Regular confession times resume Jan. 9th

If sick and shut in please call parish office and we will organize someone to come bring you Holy Communion.



Marriage Preparation:

The next Marriage Preparation program at St. Thomas More will take place on March 15-17, 2024. For information and to register, go to <https://bit.ly/MarriagePrep2024> and complete the form. The registration deadline is on February 16, 2024.

Other Marriage Preparation programs available:

Catholic Engaged Encounter: <http://ceewest.com/>

communities/edmonton/

Catholic Marriage Prep.com: <https://catholicmarriageprep.com/>
For later Marriage Preparation information, please contact the parish office at 780-434-6313 or visit during office hours.

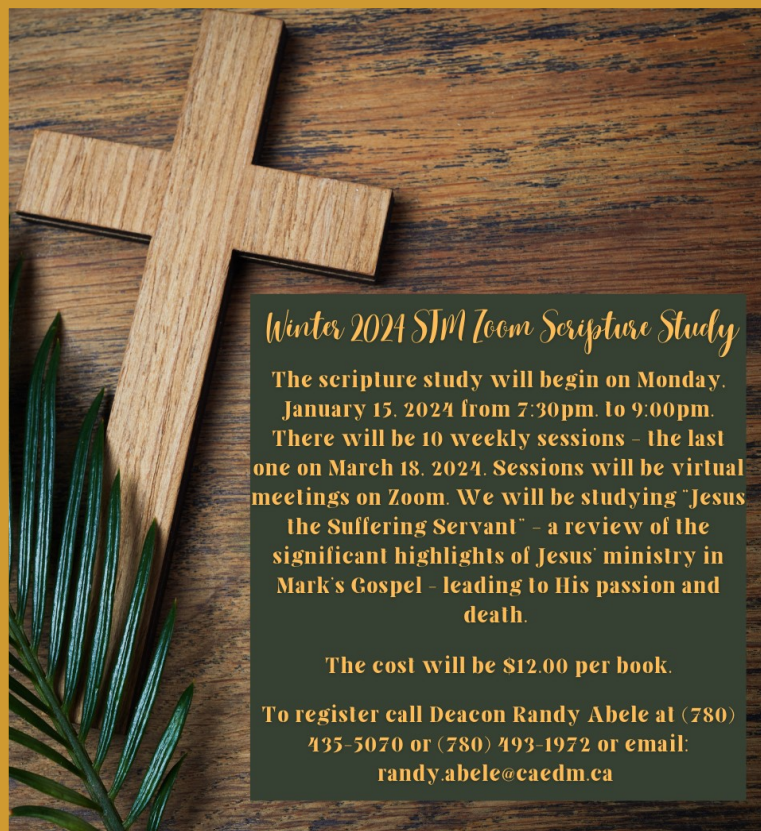


BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SPECIAL MASS

PLACE: ST.
THOMAS
MORE PARISH

DATE: JAN.
8TH

TIME: 7PM



Winter 2024 STM Zoom Scripture Study

The scripture study will begin on Monday, January 15, 2024 from 7:30pm. to 9:00pm. There will be 10 weekly sessions - the last one on March 18, 2024. Sessions will be virtual meetings on Zoom. We will be studying "Jesus the Suffering Servant" - a review of the significant highlights of Jesus' ministry in Mark's Gospel - leading to His passion and death.

The cost will be \$12.00 per book.

To register call Deacon Randy Abele at (780) 435-5070 or (780) 493-1972 or email: randy.abele@caedm.ca

No Children's Liturgy on Jan 7

PRAYER CORNER

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

For those struggling with sickness, facing surgery, or in recovery, especially Lucy Longo, Darren Day, Anna Rayar, Rebecca Ramos, John McAuley, Juanita Smith, Linda Luczak, Greg Hayward, Andy Hull, Edith Borle, Earl Brown, Clare Forton, Manuel Cruz, Adolfo Cruz, Felix Moya, Mary Kutty Matthew, Lillian Laforge, Jacinta Dias, Diego Rosales, Alwin Miguel and his mother Jennifer, Victor Brown, Charolette Henderson, Marion Coderre, Joshua Bernardo, Corazon Abalajon and Raymond Sanscratier, that they may be given the strength and guidance they seek.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED

For those who have gone into the presence of our Father, and for those whose names are recorded in the parish Book of Remembrance, (especially Brad and Elizabeth Vetsch, Paul Lalande, Edgardo, Ava Howe, Cale Jackson Leabres, and Aida Bernardo that He will raise them up to live forever.

**If admitted to the hospital, please ensure your religion is on your medical record, or that you forward a request for pastoral care to the hospital staff and/or call the parish office. Also, the Sacrament of Sick may be administered prior to hospital*

DIOCESAN INFORMATION

VOCATIONS RALLY

ALL HANDS ON DECK

Friday, Feb 2, 2024 | 6:30 - 8:30 PM



St. Joseph's Basilica, O'Leary Hall
To purchase tickets visit caedm.ca/vocations



PROLIFE PRAYER

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

Did you know that STM has a **Pro-Life Ministry**? Call 780-434-6313 to hear more about it!

For those looking for help with a difficult pregnancy situation please contact the **Gianna Centre** @ 780-482-5111

For those looking for help post-abortion please contact **Rachel's Vineyard** @ 610-354-0555



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Emotions and the
Life of Faith

With Fr. Matthew Hysell, O.P.

Newman Theological College @ 7PM January 12th

Come and See!

Annual Live-in Weekend
at St. Joseph Seminary
January 26-28, 2024

Thinking about becoming a priest? Not sure about your vocation? Just curious? This is your opportunity to experience seminary life with other men like you who are on a discernment journey.

To learn more and to register,

Contact Fr. Kris Schmidt,
Vocations Director,
Archdiocese of Edmonton,
Kris.Schmidt@caedm.ca or
call 780-672-1131 Ext. 3.



ADOREMUS & CREDO

Adoremus ("Let us Adore") is an evening of Eucharistic Adoration held at St. Joseph Basilica from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM on the first Saturday of every month (next one is Jan. 6th). All ages are welcome!

Credo ("I Believe") is a coffee-house style evening of Catholic Apologetics. It is held from 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM at Newman Theological College on Thursday evenings once a month (next one is Jan. 18th). All ages are welcome!

